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In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-15 (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A system for controlling television images, the system comprising:

at least one viewer profile establishing a set of limits for blocking selected images from viewing or recording;

at least one member of said set selected from the group comprising: program ratings, spending, channel, total view time, time of day, image content ratings;

at least one override list including at least one override instruction applicable to at least one member of said set such that said at least one member is modified while said override instruction is active; ~~and~~

at least one previously used override list including at least one previously used override instruction wherein said previously used override instruction is able to be recalled for use in setting a new override instruction; and

a memory for storing said at least one previously used override list.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16 wherein said override list includes a set of override parameters to be applied to said viewer profile.

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21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 20 wherein at least one of said override parameters is selected from the group comprising: program ratings, time of day, channel, total view time, scene ratings, spending.

22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16 including means to display to a viewer a status of said override list.

23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16 including means to display to a viewer a status of at least one of said override parameters.

24. (Currently Amended) The system of claim + 16 including at least one apparatus selected from the group comprising: television receiver, cable box, video cassette recorder (VCR) tuner.

25. (Currently Amended) A television image control system comprising:
at least one viewer profile establishing a set of limits for blocking images outside said limits from viewing or recording by a corresponding viewer;
at least one of said limits selected from the list comprising: program ratings, spending, channel, total view time limits, time of day limits, image content ratings;
at least one override list including at least one override instruction applicable to said at least one viewer profile for modifying at least one of said limits;
at least one previously used override list including at least one previously used override instruction wherein said previously used override instruction is able to be recalled for use in setting a new override instruction; and
a memory for storing said at least one previously used override list instruction.

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26. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 25 wherein said limits modified in accordance with said override list are selected from the group comprising: program, channel, scene, program rating, scene rating, spending limits, total view time and time period.

27. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
video signal processing means for producing an output signal suitable for coupling to a display device to produce images;
blocking means coupled to said video signal processing means, said blocking means for blocking said images in accordance with a profile set by a supervisor, said blocking means including:
at least one override list applicable to said profile such that images blocked in accordance with said profile are unblocked in accordance with said override list;
at least one previously used override list including at least one previously used override instruction wherein said previously used override instruction may be recalled for use in setting a new override instruction; and
a memory for storing said at least one previously used override list.

28. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 27 further comprising memory means for storing at least one of said override instructions.

29. (Previously Presented) The system of claim. 28 wherein said system automatically stores at least one override instruction in said memory means.

30. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling television images comprising the steps of:
establishing at least one viewer profile for blocking images from a corresponding viewer based on limits selected from the group comprising: program ratings, spending, channel, total view time, time of day, image content ratings;

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creating at least one override list including override instructions applicable to said at least one viewer profile for modifying selected ones of said limits;

storing said at least one previously used override list including at least one previously used override instruction in a memory; and

recalling from memory ~~wherein~~ said previously used override list instruction ~~is able to be recalled~~ for use in setting a new override instruction.

31. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling viewing of video images comprising the steps of:

coupling video processing circuitry to a display device so as to provide video images for display to at least one viewer;

providing parental control circuitry for blocking at least a portion of said video images from being displayed to a viewer in accordance with a corresponding viewer profile;

creating at least one override list comprising override instructions applicable to said video processing circuitry so as to unblock selected blocked video images;

storing said at least one previously used override list in memory; wherein said at least one previously used override list includes ~~including~~ at least one previously used override instruction; and

recalling from memory ~~wherein~~ said previously used override list instruction ~~is able to be recalled~~ for use in setting a new override instruction.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31 including a step of recalling at least one override list from said memory.